



Pine Island Fire-Rescue

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City Council of Pine Island,

Last April the fire department acquired two hovercrafts for ice/water rescue from the Minneapolis Fire Department. Thru the help of our own councilman Keane, Assistant Chief Clack from Minneapolis Fire and other members of the Minneapolis Fire Department we were able to get this equipment free of charge. A very generous gesture on the part of the Minneapolis Fire Department to say the least. The original arrangement we had with them was for two hovercrafts and one trailer to transport them. The impression was at that time that only one of the crafts was operational and the second would be for misc. parts and repairs. With the skill and knowledge of members of the Pine Island Fire Department we were able to get both of the hovercrafts in working condition. The problem now is that we are at the point when we need to return one of the trailers to Minneapolis.

One of our options was to purchase a new trailer rather than returning the old one. After discussing this with members of the fire department we believe it would be beneficial to keep both of the trailers and purchase a new one for them. It is our long-term goal to upgrade the hovercrafts at some time and this would make them more attractive for selling if they came with a custom trailer. The amount requested from Minneapolis Fire was approximately \$2500 for a trailer they have already looked at. It is the fire departments recommendation that we purchase the new trailer for them and keep both of the current hovercraft trailers to enhance the future sale of the hovercrafts and trailers.

Respectfully,

Patrick L. Pike

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